

REMARKS

1. Claims Amendments-

The claims generally have been amended to correct minor typographical errors, to clarify the relation between the elements, and to provide the proper antecedent basis for elements.

Claims 19-29 have been cancelled and Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims (or permutations of these claims) in a continuation or continuation in part application.

Applicant has removed the term "commercially pure" as this term has added indefiniteness where no indefiniteness previously existed. Specifically, the claims become clear upon removing this term. Support for this limitation is replete throughout the specification. *E.g.*, paragraphs 17, 21, etc.

No new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

3. 35 USC 103

Claims 1-19, 30, 34-53 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over various prior art references. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Initially, it is accepted that cold working or cold rolling generally results in a higher yield strength as a result of the increased number of dislocations and the Hall-Petch effect of the sub-grains, and a decrease in ductility. In fact, the effects of cold working may be reversed by annealing the material at high temperatures where recovery and recrystallization reduce the dislocation density. The bond characteristics may be determined based on the technique used to

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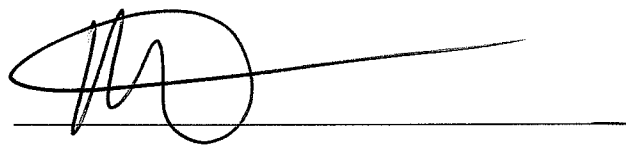
create the bond. Thus, an infringer may be determined based on the bond itself.

In view of (1) Applicant's previous arguments submitted on December 27, 2008, (2) the new amendments making it clear that Applicant is claiming the product with a specific bond, and (3) Applicant's explanation of the cold-rolled bond, Applicant submits that Claims 1-18 and 30-55 are not obvious over the prior art and respectfully requests that the examiner withdraw the rejections thereto.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action. If the examiner has any questions that can be answered by telephone, please contact the patent attorney of record at the address and telephone number listed below.

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